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Dennis, I am very disturbed by the routing of the projected power lines of the San Luis Valley – Calumet – Comanche Transmission Project!

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I recognize the need for growing resources especially right now the world is at a turning point with energy but cutting through all of these private properties 'as the crow flies' vs. following the current county roads is absolutely unacceptable and is solely based on least \$ cost impact to the developers. I know for a fact my ranch is calving grounds for deer and especially elk and have many pictures to prove this! You can ask anyone around my place and they will tell you the female elk refuge RIGHT ON THE SPOT where the projected power lines come through. There are two arroyos and corresponding hills that dozens of elk hold and have babies in the spring. Herds also return here during the heavy winter months to flee the deep snow and feed on available food. I deliberately stay off this portion of the property because I know it is one of the few sanctuaries in the area where there is little human pressure.

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As I stated, I am a reasonable person that recognizes things change and resources are needed, but to rip up even more habitat when there is a perfectly good route down county roads is truly shocking and we need to stop the destruction of this property.

I would appreciate your feedback and to understand your role in this project.

Thank you,

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